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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system are provided by the present invention for testing performance validity and accuracy of functional elements of a computer application. A stand-alone test tool provides an environment in which the operation of the functional element can be monitored along with a plurality of interfaces between the functional element and the computer application. The test tool permits creation of a test data file which can be viewed and edited as desired outside of the test tool environment, and permits creation of a test case generation file with the user assisted by prompts as to interface task options. [[A]] In a preferred embodiment a test cooperates with an interface protocol of a type involving a memory shared by multiple functional elements and employing a mode of notifying an addressed functional element that data is ready and of specifying the location of the data in the shared memory.